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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-624-A1)

In the Application of:

Daniel Yohannes, et al.

Serial No.: 10/670,077

Filed: September 23, 2003

For: Heterocyclic Compounds as Ligands of
the GABA_a Receptor

Examiner: Kahsay Habte

Art Unit: 1624

Confirmation No.: 6869

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

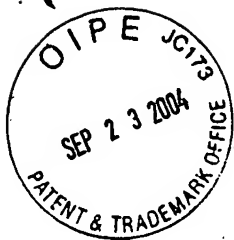
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 - b) Return Receipt Postcard.
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 - a) No fee is required.
 - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 20, 2004

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
MAILED AUGUST 18, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 18, 2004, the Applicants elect the claims of Group II for prosecution.

Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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